Mr. C. Matthai :—Forty-three temporary women teachers had to be thrown out during the vacation owing to the return of the permanent incumbents after training or leave. But they have all been re-entertained with the exception of 2 History Graduate ladies and 5 unpassed teachers.

Removal of male teachers from Girls' Schools.

36. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to remove all male teachers from Girls' Schools in the State?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It has long been the accepted policy of Government to appoint qualified women teachers in all Girls' Schools, and it is being steadily carried out, as far as existing conditions permit.

The Music Mistress of the Velur Church Primary School.

37. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for suspending the Music Mistress of Velur Church Primary School in 1102, Srimati K. Lakshmi by name?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The suspension of the Music Mistress was one of the results of the capricious behaviour of the previous Manager of the Velur Lower Secondary School.

Catholic School Managers' Association.

38. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have obtained any information regarding the 5th annual meeting of the Catholic School Managers' Association held at Chalakkudi on 12th May 1927;

2. will they be pleased to state whether they have received the resolutions passed in that meeting and taken any action on the same; if not, will they be pleased to state whether there is any special reason for not taking any action?

Mr. C. Matthai.—1. Yes.

2. Government have received a copy, and necessary action has been taken.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—"Government have received a copy, and necessary action has been taken" is the answer given. May I know what is the action that has been taken?

Mr. C. Matthai.—There were certain resolutions communicated to the Government, and what they thought necessary has been done. For instance, I remember that we wanted further information from the Secretary himself, and the Secretary has been addressed, and there was another question relating to finance; and that is being considered by the Special Finance Committee.

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Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Was any of these resolutions accepted by the Government or the department ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Secretary, that is, the Member himself, has been addressed to get certain information about these, and I do not think a reply is given.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—I have not received it.

Mr. C. Matthai.—It left my office a fortnight back.

President.—I think it must go through the inspecting officer concerned.

Mr. C. Matthai.—That was about the centres that he proposed. Have you not received the reply ?

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—That I have received.

Mr. C. Matthai.—Then there is the salary of teachers. It will be considered by the Special Finance Committee.

Educational concessions to pupils of the depressed classes.

39. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to mention :—

1. whether the Government have received a petition or representation dated 12th Edavam 1102 from Mr. Adakkattil Matthai and others: if so,

2. whether a copy of it will be placed on the table;

3. whether the Government will ascertain and state that in Travancore concessions are granted to pupils of the depressed classes converted even before they were on the school rolls;

4. whether the Government have any objection to follow the practice in Travancore in this matter, and if there is any objection, what is it :

5. whether any reply has been sent to the petitioners, and if so,

6. whether a copy of it will be placed on the table ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—1. Yes.

2. A copy is appended (*Vide Appendix II.*)

3. Government do not consider that a reference to Travancore is necessary.

4. Vide answer to part 3.

5. No.

6. No answer is necessary in view of the answer to part 5.

Retirement from service of Mr. N. P. Easwara Ayyar.

40. **Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government received a petition from the people of Trippunittura requesting that the period of the retire-

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